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Media Advisory

USU Displays War Against Terrorism Art Exhibit

BETHESDA, Md. – *Our Nation's Resilience: Paintings, Public Education and Preparedness for Terrorism*, an educational art exhibit sponsored by the Center for the Study of Traumatic Stress (CSTS) will be on display at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU) on Founders' Day, Sept. 9 through Sept. 16.

The exhibit is part of Homeland Security's National Preparedness Month in September and will be on display during the university's first Founders' Day and the entire week of Sept. 11.

The center's exhibit features dramatic, large-scale paintings created by Washington, D.C. and Maryland students after the anthrax attacks of 2001. The paintings highlight the center's role in educating the nation about psychological preparedness and resilience in the face of terrorism.

The center and its Director, Robert J. Ursano, M.D., are internationally recognized for their leadership in research, education and consultation around exposure to traumatic events. The center was established in 1987 to address Department of Defense concerns about psychological, behavioral and health care consequences resulting from threat or exposure to weapons of mass destruction (WMD), as well as the more common accidents – air, sea or land – amongst military and civilian populations.

The paintings have been incorporated into online resources for schools and communities throughout the nation. There is a teacher's guide to help educators implement preparedness projects in classrooms, as well as public education posters that can be customized for local preparedness campaigns. These resources are available at www.ournationsresilience.org.

The exhibit represents an innovative approach to educating the nation's youth about preparedness and psychological resilience.

NOTE: Media representatives who would like to visit the art exhibit must contact the Office of University Affairs at (301) 295-9702 or 295-3166 no later than 4 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2005.

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